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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1944, 1945 and 1946

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	Beverages /2	Margarine and butterine /3	Fresh fruits & vegetables /4	Meats /5	Butter /3	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk /3	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, May 1946	16,467	400	87,902	29,457	2,059	1,760	5,150	1,525	8,764	30,133	183,617
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,171	26,972	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	178,505
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	1.5	8.3	9.2	-15.9	-7.0	-1.0	0.0	-5.0	3.5	2.9
Estimated cars, June 1946	15,566	222	89,872	26,203	2,534	1,777	5,441	1,815	8,290	33,960	185,680
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,388	27,737	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	181,672
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	15.0	13.2	-5.5	-17.5	-10.0	0.0	-9.9	-14.9	4.0	2.2
Estimated cars, July 1946	16,500	322	83,260	31,502	2,352	1,919	4,760	2,039	6,612	34,684	183,950
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,327	30,423	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	184,881
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	-17.2	5.0	3.5	-25.0	-10.1	-5.0	-5.0	-24.9	5.5	-0.5
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,309	29,569	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	177,548
Number cars shipped August 1944	21,551	418	70,931	34,637	2,706	2,371	4,731	2,279	6,091	35,126	175,359
Percentage increase or decrease	2.0	31.8	1.9	-14.6	2.1	7.1	-1.7	3.0	20.7	-7.4	1.2
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	87,757	27,498	1,880	2,075	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	189,570
Number cars shipped September 1944	20,597	420	89,273	30,239	2,130	2,382	3,947	2,463	5,374	36,046	178,810
Percentage increase or decrease	4.3	-9.5	-1.7	-9.1	-11.7	-12.9	-2.6	7.0	8.4	0.4	6.0
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,235	28,395	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	211,719
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185	626	91,485	30,343	1,840	2,355	3,639	3,320	4,790	38,206	198,789
Percentage increase or decrease	9.7	-5.8	9.6	-6.4	-11.1	-21.0	-4.2	7.5	-2.6	12.4	6.5
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,471	36,356	1,695	2,063	3,165	4,959	4,419	41,888	199,506
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,201	494	71,557	30,067	1,873	1,928	3,211	4,768	4,206	37,518	176,823
Percentage increase or decrease	9.0	-21.1	13.9	20.9	-9.5	7.0	-1.4	4.0	5.1	11.6	12.8

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Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	73,585	38,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316	40,570	191,873
Number cars shipped December 1944	20,562	479	78,521	31,670	1,784	1,543	2,751	4,445	4,569	35,526	181,850
Percentage increase or decrease	15.8	-21.3	-6.2	21.1	-9.0	6.5	-3.0	9.0	-5.5	14.2	5.5
Estimated cars, January 1946	21,406	579	83,353	28,005	1,674	1,472	2,928	2,687	4,364	31,595	178,063
Number cars shipped January 1945	19,472	472	80,620	31,257	1,970	1,690	2,937	2,559	4,430	30,825	176,232
Percentage increase or decrease	9.9	12.3	3.4	-10.4	-15.0	-12.9	-0.3	5.0	-1.5	2.5	1.0
Estimated cars, February 1946	19,892	481	72,803	25,889	1,606	1,449	3,191	1,754	4,391	35,887	167,343
Number cars shipped February 1945	19,406	426	75,330	26,610	1,867	1,512	3,099	1,670	4,458	34,842	169,220
Percentage increase or decrease	2.5	12.9	-3.4	-2.7	-14.0	-4.2	3.0	5.0	-1.5	3.0	-1.1
Estimated cars, March 1946	17,849	420	85,288	29,594	1,711	1,591	2,898	1,012	5,510	33,149	179,022
Estimated cars, March 1945	19,832	610	83,827	27,109	1,989	1,729	2,902	964	5,566	32,121	176,649
Percentage increase or decrease	-10.0	-31.1	1.7	9.2	-14.0	-8.0	-0.1	5.0	-1.0	3.2	1.3
Estimated cars, April 1946	15,351	500	87,350	25,912	1,836	1,409	3,933	1,107	6,852	28,796	173,046
Estimated cars, April 1945	18,060	562	75,264	23,723	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	27,930	160,909
Percentage increase or decrease	-15.0	-11.0	16.1	9.2	-13.0	-7.5	1.0	4.5	1.0	3.1	7.5

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1944, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in Jan. and Feb. 1945.

/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in 1944, and are substituted for previous estimates in January and February 1945.

/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. April, May, June, and July 1946 are estimates. Watmelon shipments not included.

/5 In 1944 and January and February 1945 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210, 220 and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. The other 10 months of 1945 and the first 7 months of 1946 are estimates on the same basis.

/6 In 1944 and January and February 1945 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The other 10 months of 1945 and the first 7 months of 1946 are estimates of the same movement.

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